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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON ROLE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN
MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN)

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1. USINT OFFICER FEBRUARY 21 GAVE AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINING
POINTS IN PARA. 3 REFTEL TO TALAL PACHACHI,
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING
MTN. AFTER READING THE AIDE MEMOIRE, PACHACHI
NOTED THE MARCH 1 DEADLINE AND APOLOGIZED FOR THE DELAY
IN BEING UNABLE TO SEE USINT OFFICER. HE SAID,
HOWEVER, THAT THE AIDE MEMOIRE CONTAINED THE SAME
POINTS AS IN A LETTER PASSED TO THE IRAQI DELEGATION
IN GENEVA AND HE WISHED TO RAISE TWO QUESTIONS.
FIRST, COULD IRAQ ASSUME THAT TRADE CONCESSIONS
GRANTED TO COUNTRIES WHICH EXPORT THE SAME PRODUCTS
AS IRAQ WOULD ALSO BE EXTENDED TO IRAQ? HE
EXPLAINED THAT IRAQ IS NOT PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN
MTN AND IS REPRESENTED IN GENEVA BY ITS PERMANENT
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MISSION WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE TRADE EXPERTS. IN
EFFECT, THE GOI WILL LIKELY HAVE TO LIVE WITH WHAT-
EVER IS AGREED IN GENEVA. SECOND, HOW DO US MTN
PROPOSALS RELATE TO THE US PREFERENCE SYSTEM FOR
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES? HE NOTED THAT THE PREFERENCE
SYSTEM EXCLUDES IRAQ BECAUSE IT IS AN OPEC COUNTRY.

2. USINT OFFICER REPLIED THAT HE WOULD FORWARD THESE QUESTIONS TO WASHINGTON AND SUGGESTED THAT THE GOI SHOULD RAISE THEM WITH THE US MTN DELEGATION IN GENEVA AS WELL. AS NOTED IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE, US DELEGATION HAD DESIGNATED A SPECIFIC OFFICER TO DEAL WITH EACH COUNTRY. PACHACHI SAID HE WOULD SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO GENEVA TO RAISE THESE QUESTIONS. IN REPLY TO THE FIRST QUESTIONS, USINT OFFICER ALSO SAID HE ASSUMED MTN WOULD APPLY.

3.COMMENT. THOUGH USINT BELIEVES THAT MTN IN GENEVA IS APPROPRIATE FORUM TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE DIALOGUE WITH PACHACHI.
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